Difficulties faced by service providers

2237. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the service providers providing services abroad, by way of exporting man power and providing services in Information Technology sector because of the restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on opening of their subsidiaries abroad;

(b) if so, the restrictions and regulations imposed by RBI and the other regulations, if any, on opening of subsidiaries abroad by the service provider companies; and

(c) what steps have been taken/are being taken to obviate these difficulties and to promote trade in services sector by the Indian companies under the GATS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No specific restrictions have been imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on opening of joint ventures/wholly owned subsidiaries by the service providers.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Funds for infrastructure development in Chhattisgarh

2238. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds as proposed by the State Government of Chhattisgarh and the actual amount allocated for improvement of infrastructure of industrial areas for the year 2003-04 as compared to 2002-03;

(b) the funds released to the State, so far;

(c) the details of the progress made in various projects to improve infrastructure of industrial areas in the State; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to monitor improvement of these industrial areas in the State?